



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brian M. Adams *et al.*

Application No. 09/375,164

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For: **SPILL-REDUCTION CAP FOR
FLUID CONTAINER**

Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Stephen K. Cronin

Docket No.: RI-61182/RBC/VEJ

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.173

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to Office Action of November 27, 2001, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 5 and 22 as follows. All pending claims, whether or not amended, are presented below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Twice Amended) A cap for use with a container neck having external means for detachably engaging said cap, said cap being shaped to fit over said neck and comprising
- a top and a [shirt] skirt depending from said top to fit outside said neck, internal means on said skirt to engage said external means to hold said cap on said neck, said top